

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO

SITUATION REPORT # 1

1630 Hours 28 August 2006

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center has increased its awareness and preparation for the possible impact of now Tropical Storm Ernesto.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Increased Readiness condition, monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories, coordinating conference calls and producing Situation Reports.

WEATHER FORECAST

Monday 28 August – Partly cloudy with a 30% chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from mid 80's to mid 90's with Heat Index Value up to 100 in Central VA. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 MPH. Monday night – Mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms across Southwest and West Central VA and a 30% chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms across the rest of the Commonwealth. Low temperatures will range from mid 60's to low 70's with South-Southwest winds 5 to 10 MPH. **Tuesday 29 August** – Mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms in Southwest VA and a 40% chance across the rest of Virginia. High temperatures will range from low 80's to low 90's with Heat Index Value up to 100 in Central VA. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 10 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: Virginia is at Hurricane Readiness Condition 4 and has requested a FEMA Liaison Representative from FEMA Region 3 to arrive on 30 August. A Conference Call with State Agencies and the Wakefield Office of the National Weather Service has been scheduled for 1400 hours, 29 August. VDEM priorities at this time are: Expand monitoring of the storm; Prepare for augmentation of the VEOC; Increase communications with Federal, State, Local, Volunteer and Private Partners; Coordinate Logistics readiness; Ensure communications systems are at peak readiness; Develop External Affairs Strategy.

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VA Disaster Medical Assistance Team has been placed on standby by FEMA/NDMS

ESF 9 – Search & Rescue: VA Task Force 1, Fairfax County, and VA Task Force 2, VA Beach, deployed to Jacksonville, Florida in support of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: VA Department of Transportation is completing preparations in accordance with Hurricane Readiness Condition 4.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA and 30 more are projected to arrive on 30 and 31 August.

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